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THIS IS THE STORY OF YOUR ANCESTRY

The attached pages are few in number, but the story itself would fill many volumes if one had the time and ability necessary to write a complete history of the Wilder family.

Back in 1878 the Reverend Moses H. Wilder published the Book of the Wilders and in 1902 Sidney and Gerald Wilder published a booklet of Joseph Wilder and his Descendants. It was these two books that provided the inspiration to elaborate and bring up to date the story of Nicholas Wilder and some of his descendants.

In compiling this pamphlet I made an attempt to insert enough genealogical data to show the continuity of the Wilder family, but refrained from the usual genealogy setup which may be found in the two books mentioned above as well as other books referred to in the pamphlet.

The story of the Wilders is an interesting one, but I am sure that you will find that the history of the families who married into the Wilder family equally interesting.

I regret that my endeavor to keep this contribution to our family history in a condensed form did not permit using all the information I obtained on the individual ancestors. I confined the story to the essence, but the reference books are replete with interesting accounts of your ancestors.

You will note that the Town of Hingham is the place where the Wilders first settled and the house that Jabez Wilder built in 1704 is still standing on Main Street. A Jacobean chest presented to Nazareth (Pitcher) Cushing as a wedding present in 1638 is still in existence and may be seen at the Peter Cushing house at 210 East Street when the Town of Hingham has its "open house" which in 1948 was on August 7th.

I wish to express my appreciation to the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Boston Public Library for the excellent facilities which these institutions have provided for genealogical research. My thanks, likewise to my sister. Mrs. William Janes (Elizabeth Manning) for her kindness in typing and reproducing this pamphlet.

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CHART OF DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS WILDER WITH GENEALOGICAL SKETCHES OF THE WILDER FAMILY AND FAMILIES WHO MARRIED INTO THE WILDER FAMILY. - COMPILED BY JAMES E. MANNING - BOSTON, MASS. - 1948

NICHOLAS WILDER

Nicholas, the first Wilder known in history, was a military chieftain in the army of the Earl of Richmond. He fought in the battle of Bosworth in 1485 and it was for his services in that battle that King Henry VII granted him on April 15, 1497, a coat of arms and a landed estate at Shiplake, England.

JOHN WILDER
son of Nicholas

JOHN WILDER — ALICE KEATS
son of John

THOMAS WILDER — MARTHA
son of John

Thomas died at Shiplake in 1634--Widow Martha came to Mass. Bay Colony on the ship Confidence in 1638 to join her son Edward already in Hingham, Mass. She died in Hingham in 1652.

(1623-1690) EDWARD WILDER — ELIZABETH EAMES (d. 1692)
son of THOMAS — dau. of Anthony Eames, Senior.

Edward settled in Hingham in 1637. One of the sixteen Hingham soldiers impressed for service in Phillip's War.

(1671-1731) JABEZ WILDER — MARY FORD (1671-1748)
son of Edward — dau. of William & Sarah (Dingley) Ford
Her grandfather, William, and his mother, Widow Martha Ford, came to Plymouth in 1621 on the ship Fortune.

(1709-1787) THEOPHILUS WILDER — MARY HERSEY (1711-1805)
son of Jabez — dau. of Daniel & Mary (May) Hersey

(1740-1821) THEOPHILUS WILDER — LYDIA CUSHING (1745-1811)
son of Theophilus — dau. of Ebenezer & Sarah (Lincoln) Cushing
She was the niece of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln of Revolutionary War Fame.

Theophilus was a captain in the Revolutionary War. He was present at the surrender of British General Burgoyne at Saratoga.

(1766-18--) THEOPHILUS WILDER — MARY BRIDGES (d. 1801)
son of Theophilus

(1797-1885) JOSEPH WILDER — MEHITABLE CRANE (1797-1866)
son of Theophilus — dau. of John & Mary (Wheeler) Crane. She was the granddaughter of Gen. John Crane of the Revolutionary War, who also was one of the "Indians" at the Boston Tea Party.

(1829-1907) ELMIRA WILDER
dau. of Joseph

CAPT. CHASE JOSEPH BRYANT
(1824-1858)
Son of Henry & Sarah
(MacDonald) Bryant

(1854-1935) ZANELLO BRYANT
Son of Elmira

MARGARET ISABEL ROBINSON
(1854-1913)
dau. of William & Eliza
(Carroll) Robinson

CHILDREN: John, Ella, Willena, Irena Maud, Ernest, Lial, Annie Lulu, Edith

(1880-) ELLA ELMIRA BRYANT
dau. of Zanello

JAMES LEO MANNING
(1880-1936)
son of Michael &
Elizabeth (DeRose) Manning

CHILDREN: Joseph, Lillian, James, Gertrude, Marguerite Elizabeth, Dorothy, John, William, Robert

(1909-JAMES ELMER MANNING
son of Ella Elmira

KATHERINE MAY DALEY
(1910-)
dau. of Justin & Margaret
(Maguire) Daley

CHILDREN: Eileen, Kathleen, Marjorie

GENEALOGY OF THE WILDER FAMILY

FROM NICHOLAS TO ELMIRA (WILDER) BRYANT (1829-1907)

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NICHOLAS WILDER, the first Wilder known in history, it is thought, came to England from Germany with the Earl of Richmond in whose army he served as military chieftain. He fought in the battle of Bosworth in 1485 and as a reward, received from King Henry VII on April 15, 1497, a landed estate at Shiplake with a coat of arms. The coat of arms is recorded in "The Book of Family Crests" published by Washburn of London, Vol. I, Page 65, No. 7892. He had a son, John.

JOHN^{2} (Nicholas^{1}) had two children, John and Agnes

JOHN^{3} (John^{2} Nicholas^{1}) married Alice Keats. They had sons, John Nicholas, William and Thomas and three daughters, Eleanor, Joan and Alice. John, the father, died in 1588.

THOMAS^{4} (John^{3} John^{2} Nicholas^{1}) married Martha He died at Shiplake in 1634. Martha came to Plymouth Colony in 1638, sailing from Southampton England on the ship Confidence. She died in Hingham, Mass. in 1652. Children: John, Thomas, Elizabeth, Edward, Mary.

EDWARD^{5} (Thomas^{4} John^{3} John^{2} Nicholas^{1}) born in 1623, died Oct. 28, 1690. Married Elizabeth Eames, daughter of Anthony Eames, Senior of Marshfield. Edward was one of the early settlers of Hingham, Mass. where he was granted ten acres of land on Oct. 8, 1637. He subsequently received other grants, including a tract situated next to grant given to his mother, Martha. He served as Selectman in 1667 and was one of the sixteen Hingham soldiers impressed for service in Philip's War. Children: John, Elizabeth,

Ephraim, Isaac, Abia, Mehitabel, Anna, Abigail, Hannah, Mary (The Molly Wilder of Jane Austin's story, "A Nameless Nobleman"), Jabez.

JABEZ[6] (Edward[5]) born in Hingham, in March 1657 or 1658, died May 24, 1731; married Mary Ford of Marshfield, daughter of William Ford, Jr. He served as constable in 1687 and 1700. Children: Ephraim, Leah, Rachel, Mary, Keziah, Jabez, Edward, Sarah, Theophilus.

THEOPHILUS[7] (Jabez[6] Edward[5]) born in Hingham, March 12, 1709 or 1710; died June 30, 1787. He married on December 28, 1732, Mary Hersey, daughter of Daniel and Mary (May) Hersey. He served as constable in 1746 and 1747. Children: Rachel, Jabez, Theophilus, Mary, Persis, Keziah, Zenas.

THEOPHILUS[8] (Theophilus[7] Jabez[6]) born in Hingham, May 16, 1740; died Oct. 28, 1821. He married Dec. 16, 1762, Lydia Cushing, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Lincoln) Cushing. He served in the War of the Revolution as a captain of a military company. He saw service in the Northern campaign and was present at the surrender of British General Burgoyne at Saratoga. His company was a part of Colonel Gill's regiment of General Gates' army. This family moved to Dennysville, Maine in June, 1788. Children: Lydia, Theophilus, Mary, Sarah, Ebenezer, Susannah, Bela, Persis, Deborah, Elizabeth, Theodore.

THEOPHILUS[9] (Theophilus[8] Theophilus[7]) born in Hingham, Jan. 21, 1766; married Mary Bridges who died in 1801. His second wife was Hannah Waterman. Children: By wife Mary; Theophilus, Mary, John, Joseph, William; by wife Hannah; Robert, Mehitabel, Cushing, Theodore, Hannah, Isaac, Charles.

JOSEPH[10] (Theophilus[9]) born in Pembroke, Maine, Aug. 23, 1797, died Feb. 16, 1885. He married Dec. 9. 1821, Mehitabel Crane daughter of John and Mary (Wheeler) Crane. Children: Albion, Joseph, John, Elmira, George, Daniel, Howard. His second wife was Mercy Hersey, daughter of Zadoc and Abigail (Lewis) Hersey. No children by wife Mercy.

ELMIRA[11] (Joseph[10] Theophilus[9]) born in Pembroke, Maine, July 11, 1829; died April 19, 1907. Married Sept. 30, 1847, Capt. Chase Joseph Bryant, son of Henry and Sarah (MacDonald) Bryant. Children: Ivanhoe, Casemba, Zanello, Ella Elmira. Her second husband whom she married July 12, 1863 was Charles Hutchinson, son of John Hutchinson. Children: Iva, Ida, Emma.

Reference Books

Book of the Wilders by Rev. Moses H. Wilder

Joseph Wilder and his Descendants by S. A. & G. G. Wilder

History of the Town of Hingham, Mass.

GENEALOGICAL SKETCHES OF PERSONS WHO MARRIED INTO WILDER FAMILY

ELIAZBETH EAMES

Elizabeth Eames was the daughter of Anthony Eames, Senior who was born in Dorset, England in 1595 and died in Marshfield in 1686. He was prominent in town affairs for many years. Elizabeth married Edward Wilder of Hingham in 1650. She died June 9, 1692.

Reference--History of the Town of Marshfield
History of Plymouth County

MARY FORD

The ancestress of Mary Ford was Martha Ford, a widow, who came to Plymouth on November 19, 1621 on the ship Fortune. She, with her children, William, John and Martha, was granted 4 acres of land by the Plymouth authorities in March, 1623. The Widow Ford married Peter Browne who came to Plymouth in 1620 on the Mayflower. The children born of this union were Mary, who married Ephraim Tinkham in 1647, and Priscilla who married William Allen in 1650.

William Ford, son of Martha, was born in 1604, died 1676--married Anna _____, who died in 1684. Children: William, Michael, Margaret, Millicent. William was one of the early settlers of Marshfield.

William, Jr., son of William, was born in Marshfield in 1633; died 1721; married Sarah, daughter of John Dingley in 1658. She died in 1727. Children: John, Mercy, Josiah, Sarah, Mary, Margaret Joseph, Bethiah, Experience.

Mary, daughter of William, Jr., was born in Marshfield, May 16, 1671; died Feb. 1, 1748, married Jabez Wilder of Hingham in

1692.

Reference--Bradford's History of Plymouth Plantation
History of the Town of Marshfield

MARY HERSEY

Mary Hersey was born in Hingham, Oct. 14, 1711, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (May) Hersey. She married Theophilus Wilder of Hingham on December 28, 1732 and died Oct. 5, 1805.

On the Hersey side, she was descended from William Hersey who came to Hingham in 1635--William,[1] John,[2] Daniel[3].

The May ancestry is traced back to Jonathan May who was born in England in 1590 and was one of the early settlers of Roxbury--Jonathan[3] Samuel[2] Jonathan[1]. Mary Hersey's grandfather, Jonathan May was a soldier in the Canada Expedition under Sir Wm. Phips.

Mary Hersey's great, great grandfather was Thomas Gill, the great, great, grandfather of John Hancock.

Reference--History of Hingham

LYDIA CUSHING

Lydia Cushing, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Lincoln) Cushing, was born in Hingham, Sept. 7, 1745 and died in Dennysville, Maine, August 1, 1811. She married Theophilus Wilder of Hingham, December 16, 1762. Her ancestry on both the Cushing and Lincoln line is as follows:

CUSHING

(1) Thomas Cushing of Hardingham, England. (circa 1466)

(2) William of Hingham, Eng. (circa 1492)

(3) John of Hardingham (circa 1512)

(4) Thomas of Hardingham

LINCOLN

(1) Thomas Lincoln (The Cooper) d. 1691-m. Anis Lane, died 1682. Thomas came to Hingham in 1635.

(2) Benjamin (1643-1700) m. Sarah Fearing (1649-1716)

(3) Benjamin (1671-1727) m. Mary Lewis (1670-1744)

(5) Peter of Hardingham, d.(1615) m. Susan Hawes (d. 1641)

(6) Mathew (1589-1660) married Nazareth Pitcher d. 1681. Mathew came to Hingham, Mass. in 1638.

(7) Daniel (1619-1700) m. (1) Lydia Gilman, d. 1688-m. (2) Eliz. Jacob (1632-1725)

(8) Daniel (1648-1716) m. Eliz. Thaxter (1660-1727)

(9) Daniel (1686-1755) m. Sarah Lincoln (1685-1736)

(10) Ebenezer (1724-1803) m. Sarah Lincoln (1727-1815)

Reference--New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 19 Page 39-41

(4) Benjamin (1699-1771) m. (1) Mary Loring (d.1721) (2) Eliz. Thaxter (1692-1762)

(5) Sarah (1727-1815) m. Ebenezer Cushing (1724-1803). Her brother was Benjamin Lincoln, major general in the Army of the Revolution and the general to whom Conwallis surrendered his sword at Yorktown. He was chosen Secretary of War in 1781 and was elected Lt. Govenor of Mass. in 1787.

Reference--History of the Town of Hingham

MARY BRIDGES

Mary Bridges was probably born in Hingham about 1766 and died in Pembroke in 1801. She married Theophilus Wilder of Hingham and their first child, Theophilus, was born April 6, 1786. In all probability, she was related to Joseph Bridges who was one of the early settlers of Pembroke, Maine.

MEHITABLE CRANE

Mehitable Crane, daughter of John and Mary (Wheeler) Crane was born in Trescott, Maine, June 13, 1797, died July 20, 1866. She married Joseph Wilder of Pembroke, December 9, 1821.

Her ancestor was Henry Crane who was born in England about 1621 and was in Dorchester before 1654. The line of descent is as follows:

(1) Henry Crane (1621-1709) m. (1) Tabitha Kinsley who died 1681 (2) Elizabeth

(2) Ebenezer Crane (1665-___) m. Mary Tolman (1671-___)whose grandfather Thomas Tolman, Senior came to Dorchester in 1635. Ebenezer Crane served in Sir William Phip's expedition to Canada in 1690.

(3) Abijah Crane (1714-___) m. (1) Sarah Field who died in 1742
(2) Sarah Beverley

(4) John Crane (1744-1805) m. Mehitable Wheeler

John Crane was one of the "Indians" of the Boston Tea Party and later was very active in the War of the Revolution as colonel of the 3rd Continental Artillery. He served under Generals Knox and Gates and fought in the battles of Monmouth, Brandywine, Germantown and Red Bank and was wounded at the battle of Brooklyn in 1776. In 1783, he was commisioned brigadier general for active and meritorious service. He was considered the most expert artillerist on the American side. Governor Hancock appointed him the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County in 1790.

(5) John Crane (1768-1835) m. Mary Wheeler

Reference----Henry Crane of Dorchester, Mass. by Emily Wilder Leavitt
N. E. Gen. Reg. Vols. 46 & 47
Genealogy and History of Maine--Little

CAPTAIN CHASE JOSEPH BRYANT

Chase Joseph Bryant was born in Cutler, Maine, May 9, 1824 and died May 14, 1858. He married Elmira Wilder, Sept. 30, 1847. He was the son of Henry and Sarah (MacDonald) Bryant.

The ancestry of Chase Joseph Bryant is believed, by this compiler, to go back to Stephen Bryant who was in Plymouth Colony as early as 1632. Stephen Bryant was the ancestor of William Cullen Bryant, famous American poet.

The Bryant genealogy is as follows:

1. Stephen Bryant married Abigail Shaw
2. John, born in Plymouth 1650 m. Sarah _____
3. John, born in Plymouth in 1678 m. Mary _____
4. John, died in 1757, m. Elizabeth _____
5. Bartholomew, born in Scarborough, Maine, July 11, 1737, married Ellen Brookins of Scarborough. Children: Joseph, Thomas, Samuel, Stephen, Patience, Martha, Hannah, Rebecca, Lydia and Sarah. Bartholomew helped found the Town of Machias.

Reference--Genealogy and History of Maine by Little
N. E. Hist. & Gen. Register Vol 24

Due to the fact that the Town of Cutler was first settled by inhabitants of the Town of Machias, it is a strong presumption that Henry Bryant, the father of Chase Bryant was the grandson or great grandson of Bartholomew. This compiler endeavored to have this presumption confirmed but was unable to obtain any further information as the Town of Culter's records were destroyed by fire in 1900.

MARGARET ISABEL ROBINSON

Margaret Robinson, daughter of William McKinley and Eliza Ann (Carroll) Robinson, was born in Portaupique, Nova Scotia, February 28, 1854, died in Randolph, Mass. June 12, 1913. She

married Zanello Bryant, son of Elmira (Wilder) Bryant, Mar. 20, 1877. Zanello Bryant was born in Pembroke, Maine, Mar. 27, 1854 and died in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, Oct. 12, 1935.

Children all born in Acadia Mines, Nova Scotia, were:

John Ivanhoe, b. Nov. 10, 1879, d. Jan. 16, 1880

Ella Elmira, b. Nov. 11, 1880, m. James L. Manning

Willena May, b. Jan. 16, 1882, m. (1) Benjamin Hewins
(2) George French
d. August 1, 1941

Irena Maud, b. Jan. 24, 1885, m. Guy Miller

Ernest Barry, b. Mar. 4, 1888, d. June 18, 1889

Lial Carroll, b. June 7, 1890, d. Nov. 19, 1891

Annie Lulu, b. Nov. 18, 1892, m. (1) George Wheeler
(2) Arthur Raymond

Edith Alburth, B. Mar. 18, 1896

JAMES LEO MANNING

James Leo Manning, son of Michael and Elizabeth (DeRose) Manning, was born in Brindle, England, Oct. 18, 1880. died in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, Sept. 5, 1936.

He married Ella Elmira Bryant, granddaughter of Elmira Wilder on July 31, 1901.

Children born in Hyde Park, Mass. were:

Joseph Havlock, b. Oct. 29, 1902. M. Elise Senger

Lillian Zanello, b. Mar. 19, 1905 M. John Daniels who died in 1941
M. Joseph Petelle, Nov. 1946

James Elmer, b. Feb. 4, 1909, m. Katherine Daley

Gertrude, b. Jan. 4, 1907, D. 1911

Marguerite Isabelle, b. Mar. 21, 1913, m. Alfred Sears

Elizabeth Ella, b. Nov. 27, 1914, m. William Ernest Janes on June 16, 1939

Dorothy Jane, b. July 8, 1917, m. Harry Christy

John Patrick, b. May 8, 1919, m. Helen Maegher

William Alphonso, b. Feb. 19, 1921, m. Alice Francis

Robert Charles, b. Jan. 5, 1923, m. Gladys Kenney

Michael Manning (formerly Mannion) was born in County Sligo, Ireland about 1855.

KATHERINE MAY DALEY

Katherine Daley was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, October 7, 1910, the daughter of Justin Arnold and Margaret (Maguire) Daley. Grandparents were Thomas and Mary Jane (Arnold) Daley and James and Margaret (Norris) Maguire. She married James E. Manning, great grandson of Elmira Wilder, June 23, 1940.

Children born in Boston, Massachusetts:

Eileen Marie	born	May 19, 1941
Kathleen Jean	"	February 24, 1944
Majorie Ann	"	May 20, 1948

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF GENERAL JOHN CRANE
(1744 - 1805)

A Revolutionary soldier. Was born at Braintree, Mass., Dec. 7, 1744, the son of Abijah Crane and Sarah Beverly. At the time of the French and Indian War, although only fifteen years of age, he offered to serve in place of his father who had been drafted by the Massachusetts Provincial Government, and was in poor health. On his return from the war, he learned the trade of housewright. About 1762, he helped to set out a famous row of elm trees (Paddock Elms) opposite the Granary Burying-ground, Boston. In 1767 he married Mehitable Wheeler and with his brother purchased a house and shop on what is now Tremont Street near Hollis. In the years following the passage of the Stamp Act, Crane was identified with the Sons of Liberty. At his shop some of the men who staged the Boston Tea Party disguised themselves as Indians and set out for Griffins Wharf, Crane among them. As he was down in the hold of one of the ships, a chest of tea fell upon him and knocked him senseless. His companions, believing him dead, concealed him under a heap of shavings in a nearby carpenter's shop but thanks to a sturdy constitution, he recovered.

In 1774, owing to the paralysis of trade produced by the Boston Port Bill, he moved to Providence. He had already acquired some knowledge of gunnery and when as a resident of Boston, he joined a train of artillery composed of mechanics and commanded by Maj. Adino Paddock. On the arrival of news of the Battle of Lexington, he was made captain of the train attached to the Rhode Island "army of observation". Marching to Boston, he joined Gridley's regiment of artillery and thenceforth saw almost continuous service.

During the siege of Boston, he was in charge of a breastwork on the Neck and on July 8, 1775, attacked and routed a British advance post. He also participated in several skirmishes on islands in the Harbor. On Dec. 10, 1775, he was commissioned Major in Knox's regiment of artillery and later accompanied the army to New York.

He was disabled for a time by a wound in the foot received Sept. 14, 1776 at Corlear's Hook while he was bombarding a British man-of-war. On January, 1777, he was commissioned Colonel and proceeded to raise a regiment in Massachusetts, the 3rd Continental Artillery. Detachments of it were present under Sullivan in the Rhode Island campaign where Crane's services evoked honorable mention in the dispatches, under Gates at Saratoga, and in the defence of Red Bank. On Sept. 30, 1783, Crane was brevetted Brigadier General.

After the war, he went into the lumber business on Passamaquoddy Bay but the venture not proving successful he removed to Whiting, Maine, where he had been given a grant of 200 acres for his military service by the Legislature of Massachusetts. He was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas by Gov. Hancock in 1790. He died August 21, 1805, highly respected by his comrades in arms, for his energy, courage and coolness in the presence of danger.

(There is a manuscript memoir of John Crane by a descendant, George H. Allan, in the library of the New England & Geneal. Society, Boston. Authentic sketches of him are in F. S. Drake's Tea Leaves (1884) and Albert Crane's "Henry Crane of Milton, Mass. (1893)". Reference to his services will be found in Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War (1896-1898)

Heath Papers in Mass. Hist. Soc. Colls. serv. 5-Vol IV 1878-ser. 7 Vol. IV 1904; F. B. Hertman Hist. Reg. of Officers of Continental Army (1914)

Excerpt from Dictionary of American Biography - Vol. 4-Page 505

His children were Abijah, Isaac, John, Charlotte, Alice, Mehitable, Son John (1768-1835) married Mary Wheeler and their daughter, Mehitable, (1797-1866) married Joseph Wilder (1797-1885) of Pembroke, Maine.

Crane, John Major: return of equipment, ammunition, etc., signed by Richard Devens, Commissary General, dated Sept. 7, 1776; said Crane reported in charge of stores deposited at Stoughton, also Colonel of an artillery regiment, Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1771 to Dec. 31, 1777; also returns for clothing dated Boston, May 26, 1778 and Sept. 25, 1778; also pay abstract for wages and subsistence for Oct. 1778 - April 1779 for service at Rhode Island, roll approved at Providence, also list of Field and staff offices returned for gratuity dated Nov. 16, 1779, also Colonel of the artillery; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780 to Dec. 31, 1780; also receipt given to Capt. Lieut. Knowles for subsistence money for June 1782.

Excerpt from Mass. Soldiers & Sailors in the War of the Revolution - Page 83.

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